

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Examiner has indicated that claims 48–53 contain allowable subject matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his findings with respect to these claims. By this amendment applicant has amended claim 34 to incorporate the subject matter of claim 48, which has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claim 34 is believed to be in condition for allowance. Moreover, since the Examiner has indicated that claims 49–53 are allowable, applicant will not comment on these claims any further.

Concerning claims 35–47, applicant submits that these claims are now allowable as they depend on a base claim (claim 34) which has been amended to be in condition for allowance, as requested by the Examiner.

Applicant submits that the aforementioned changes do not add new subject matter to this application, and that the amendments are supported by the specification as originally filed.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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